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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 13 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 10-12 and 14-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed 06/17/2010 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: "the timing of the end of the pulse corresponding to the timing of an interrupt by the means of interrupting".

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1 and 17, applicant fails to point out the supporting detail of amended limitation: "the timing of the end of the pulse corresponding to the timing of an interrupt by the means of interrupting", which is not clearly which pulse corresponding to the timing of which interrupt means. For the purpose of examination, this limitation is interpreted as timing of the end of pulse corresponding to another interrupt means.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-9, 13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sekiya et al.(US 6,583,775).

As to **claim 1**, Sekiya discloses an active matrix electroluminescent display device comprising an array of display pixels arranged in rows and columns, each pixel comprising:

an electroluminescent display element (Fig. 1(OLED));

a drive transistor (Fig. 1(TFT2)) for driving a current through the display element;

means (Fig. 1(TFT3)) for interrupting the drive of current through the display element provide in series with the electroluminescent display element (Fig. 1(TFT3) and OLED are in series); and

row driver circuitry (Fig. 2(22)) for generating control voltages to be applied to the pixels in each row in sequence including a drive voltage for the interrupting means,

wherein the row driver circuitry comprises a shift register arrangement (Fig. 2(24)) and logic arrangement (Fig. 2(23)) for generating the drive voltage for the interrupting means, the drive voltage for the interrupting means including a pulse having a duration which can be varied up to substantially the full field period less the address

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period (Fig. 3, Stopping Control line duration can be up to full field period less than address period), the timing of the end of the pulse corresponding to the timing of an interrupt by the means for interrupting (fig. 3, the end of Stopping control line Z1 corresponding to the beginning of Z2),

wherein the signal or signals propagated through the shift register arrangement control the pulse duration (Fig. 2(23, 24) control the pulse duration).

As to **claim 2**, Sekiya discloses the device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the shift register arrangement and logic arrangement comprises first and second shift register devices, each having a pulse propagating through them, and logic means for deriving a signal having a pulse with duration derived from the difference in timing of the pulses propagating through the first and second shift register devices (Fig. 2(22, 23) both includes shift register, see Col. 11 line 40-Col. 12 line 6).

As to **claim 3**, Sekiya discloses the device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the pulse propagating in each shift register device has a duration corresponding the line time of the display (Fig. 3(scanning line X1)).

As to **claim 4**, Sekiya discloses the device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the logic means comprises a transmission gate which transmits a low pulse in response to a pulse on one of the shift register devices and transmits a high pulse in response to a pulse on the other one of the shift register devices (Fig. 2(VSP1, VSP2)).

As to **claim 5**, Sekiya discloses the device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the logic means further comprises a memory cell (Fig. 2(24) delay circuit inherently has

memory cell) for maintaining a constant output between pulses received from the transmission gate.

As to **claim 6**, Sekiya discloses the device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the shift register arrangement and logic arrangement comprises first and second shift register devices, each having a pulse propagating through them, and logic means for deriving a signal having a pulse with duration derived from the duration of the pulse in one of the first and second shift register devices (Fig. 2(22, 23) both includes shift register, see Col. 11 line 40-Col. 12 line 6).

As to **claim 7**, Sekiya discloses the device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the pulse propagating in one shift register device has a duration corresponding to the line time of the display and the pulse propagating in the other shift register device has a duration for controlling the display element illumination period (Col. 12 lines 7-39).

As to **claim 8**, Sekiya discloses the device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the shift register arrangement and logic arrangement comprises a shift register device, having a pulse propagating through it having a duration dependent on the desired illumination time of the display element, and logic means for deriving from the shift register device a pulse having a duration corresponding to the line time of the display (Col. 15 line 56- Col. 16 line 24).

As to **claim 9**, Sekiya discloses the device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the logic means for deriving from the shift register device a pulse having a duration corresponding to the line time of the display comprises a combination element for combining the pulse at the output of one shift register element for one row with the

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pulse at the output of another shift register element for an adjacent row (see Fig. 8(28, 29)).

As to **claim 13**, Sekiya discloses the device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each pixel comprises drive transistor threshold compensation circuitry (see Fig. 1(CS, TFT3).

As to **claim 17**, Sekiya discloses a method of driving an active matrix electroluminescent display device comprising an array of display pixels arranged in rows and columns, in which each pixel comprises an electroluminescent display element, a drive transistor for driving a current through the display element and means for interrupting the drive of current through the display element provide in series with the electroluminescent display element (Fig. 1(TFT3) and OLED are in series), the method comprising:

propagating a pulse or pulses through a shift register arrangement (Fig. 3(VSP1));

using a pulse from the shift register arrangement to allow pixel addressing control voltages to be applied to the pixels of a row during an addressing period (Fig. 3(VSP2);

using the shift register pulse or pulses to derive a drive voltage for the interrupting means including a pulse having a duration which can be varied up to substantially the full field period less the addressing period (Fig. 3, Stopping Control line duration can be up to full field period less than address period); and

applying the drive voltage for the interrupting means to the interrupting means after the pixel addressing period (see Col. 12 lines 7-39), the timing of the end of the

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pulse corresponding to the timing of an interrupt by the means for interrupting (fig. 3, the end of Stopping control line Z1 corresponding to the beginning of Z2).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 10-12 and 14-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding **claim 10**, cited references does not teach or suggest: “a first pulse from the shift register arrangement and logic arrangement is combined with a first template control signal or signals (A1, A2) to provide a first control signal or signals (A1r,A2r) for the addressing of the pixel, and a second pulse from the shift register arrangement and logic arrangement is combined with a second template control signal (A3) to provide the drive voltage (A3r) for the interrupting means both during the addressing of the pixel and during subsequent driving of the pixel.”.

Regarding **claim 14**, cited reference does not teach or suggest: “the drive transistor threshold compensation circuitry comprises first and second capacitors (20, 22) connected in series between the gate and source of the drive transistor (24), a data input to the pixel being provided to the junction between the first and second capacitors (20, 22) thereby to charge the first capacitor (20) to a voltage derived from the pixel data

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voltage, and a voltage derived from the drive transistor threshold voltage being stored on the second capacitor (22).”.

Claims 11-12 and 15-16 are allowable, since they depend on claim 10 and 14 respectively.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 06/17/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claims 1 and 17, applicant argues that Sekiya fails to teach "means for interrupting the drive of current through the display element provide in series with electroluminescent display element". However, examiner respectfully disagrees, Fig. 1(TFT3) and OLED are clearly connected in series.

Applicant further argues that Sekiya teaches an in-direct current interruption instead of direct interruption. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., direct current interruption) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YUK CHOW whose telephone number is (571)270-1544. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-6 M-TH E.T..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Quan-Zhen Wang can be reached on (571) 272-3114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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